GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:360
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GAIL`S DEAL WITH AL-MAHAL OF ABU-DHABI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Al-mahal group of Abu-Dhabi held any discussions with GAIL for laying a 1.5 billion natural gas pipeline in Northern and Southern India to transport LNG from Gopalpur, Orissa, to LNG Terminal in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the present status of the deal; and

(c) the proposed stake of Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation in this venture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) In late 1998 and early 1999, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) had held only preliminary discussions with M/s Vavasi Oil and Gas India Limited and M/s Al-Manhal of Abu-Dhabi for development of gas pipeline system from Gopalpur in Orissa to Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The project is in a preliminary stage.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.